

**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson
Judy Morrison, RDH
Joella Pyatt, RDH

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager 3
Joy King, Executive Director
Cheri Brooks, Program Manager 1
Sandie Pearson, Program Support
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General
Bonnie King, Director, Health Professions Quality Assurance (HPQA)
Sam Marshall, Chief Administrator, Health Systems Quality Assurance (HSQA)

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienist's Association (WSDHA)
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist for WSDHA

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday August 11, 2006 at the Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Road SE, Room 139, Tumwater, WA 98501.

OPEN SESSION – 9:05 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved after amended to include State and Regional Clinical Testing Agencies information, and Item 4.1 was moved to 4.A.

1.2 Approval of May 5, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved as presented.

1.3 Introductions

Committee, staff, and audience introduced themselves.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Guest speaker - Bonnie King, Director, HPQA, provided the proposed draft of the Department of Health's organizational review.
- 2.2 Oral Health Update - Joseli Alves-Dunkerson, DDS, MPH, MBA, Senior Oral Health Consultant and Divesh Byrappagari, LHJ Liaison, State Sealant Coordinator, State Surveillance Coordinator will be moved to the February agenda.

This item was deferred to the February 9, 2007 meeting in Tumwater.

3. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – *handouts*

Information provided to the Committee by the Program Manager.

- 3.1 Budget – Revenue drop due to fee reductions last biennium. The Department will have to raise fees to cover the expense of background checks for initial licensure. For now the fee increase will only affect license renewals. A request was made from the Committee for staff to submit trend data from last and current biennium.
- 3.2 Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics – Provided update on licensing and disciplinary statistics from 4/17/2006 through 7/24/2006.

4. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE - *handouts*

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the Committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. Otherwise, there will be no discussion.

- 4.1 Dental Hygiene Initial Limited Licensure Process – Discussion regarding rules and the need to amend for changes. Ms. Brown will file a CR101. The Committee suggested staff assemble a flow chart or decision tree and to research the process of other states.
- 4.2 North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. – Joella Pyatt recommended staff check into a committee member attending/observing prior to committing as a Consultant Member for the Northeast Regional Examining Board (NERB).

5. WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE SURVEY – *handout*

The Committee reviewed the survey results and decided which states are substantively equivalent for purposes of the Initial Limited license. The Committee determined what qualifying criteria were critical. The states that did not meet the committee's standards were: Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New York and North Carolina. The following states did not respond to the survey therefore do not qualify to obtain Initial Limited licensure in Washington: Delaware, Illinois, and Wyoming.

6. PROPOSED NEW DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM IN BELLINGHAM - *handout*

Information provided to the Committee regarding statistics for dental hygienists in the state. It was determined that the Higher Education Board is the entity who determines the need for additional schools, not the Department of Health.

7. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Judy Morrison presented a brief report on the meetings listed below.

- 7.1 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Board of Director's Meeting – Judy Morrison, RDH
- 7.2 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee (ERC) – Judy Morrison, RDH
- 7.3 Western Conference of Dental School Deans and Administrators – Judy Morrison, RDH

8. SETTING MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2007

The Committee approved the following dates and locations:

DATE	LOCATION
February 9	Tumwater
May 4	TBA
August 17	Tumwater
November 2	SeaTac

9. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – *no handout*

Rules for expanded functions
Introduction of new committee member
Out-of-state travel and meetings
Workforce survey

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown
Program Manager

Peter Fox, Chairperson, Public Member

RULE WORKSHOP – DRAFTING SESSION

RULE WRITING - WAC 246-815-030 Educational requirements for licensure applicants.

The Department held a rule drafting workshop on the above mentioned rule. There was no public that attended or no comments were provided.